(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have already accepted the recommendations of the Hakar Committee regarding the restructuring of the Lalit Kala Akademi.

Female infarnticide in the country

562. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming rise in female infanticide in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases in 1992, state-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to curb this evil practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI) (a) and (b) The information is not centrally maintained.

(c) The offences relating to female infanticide are dealt with under the existing provisions of the Indian Penal Code. Various programmes of action and advocacy are also implemented to project a positive image of girl children so as to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards them. A National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991-2000) of the Girl Child focussing on survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure.

National Literacy Programme

563. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the national literacy programme has suffered a setback in 1992 and is in disarray;

(b) whether the National Literacy Mission is now headless; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to renew interest in the programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a): No, Sir. During 1992-93 Total Literacy Campaign were approved in 56 districts and Post Literacy Campaign in 32 districts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

वित्तीय संकट का सामना कर रही शैक्षणिक संस्थायें

564. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में शिक्षा/उच्च शिक्षा को प्राथमिकता /बढ़ावा देने का कार्यक्रम वित्तीय संकट के कारण ठप्प पड़ गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार शिक्षा के लिये धन जुटाने हेतु किसी कोष की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) इस समय देश में ऐसे विश्व विद्यालयों की राज्यवार और विश्वविद्यालय वार संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें बजट घाटा हो रहा है ;